



2003

***U.S. EPA STRATOSPHERIC OZONE
PROTECTION AWARDS***

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 11, 2002

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Introduction

The Global Programs Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations for the 2003 Stratospheric Ozone Protection Awards. This annual awards program was established in 1990 to recognize exceptional leadership, personal dedication, and technical achievements in eliminating ozone-depleting substances.

Ozone Layer Depletion

The ozone layer forms a thin shield in the stratosphere, protecting life on Earth from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays. The strong scientific evidence proves that certain human-made chemicals are destroying this protective layer. These ozone-depleting substances are transported by wind currents up to the stratosphere where UV radiation breaks them apart, releasing chlorine or bromine atoms that destroy ozone. As the ozone layer is destroyed, increased UV radiation heightens the incidence of skin cancer, cataracts, and weakened immune systems in humans, and it also endangers the environment by threatening important crops and other plant and animal life. Ozone-depleting substances, including chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), halons, carbon tetrachloride, methyl bromide, and methyl chloroform, are used widely in industry and elsewhere as refrigerants, insulating foams, pesticides, and other important applications.

The Montreal Protocol

Around the world, individuals, organizations, businesses, and governments are working to protect the ozone layer. Over 180 nations have ratified the Montreal Protocol, agreeing to phase out the production of ozone-depleting substances. In November 1992, the Parties to the Montreal Protocol accelerated the phaseout of CFCs, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform to January 1996 and halons to January 1994. In December 1995, the Parties agreed to a complete phaseout of methyl bromide and HCFCs as well.

The Clean Air Act

Title VI of the 1990 U.S. Clean Air Act mandated a comprehensive national program to protect the ozone layer. Since then, EPA has accelerated this effort and eliminated the production of the strongest ozone-depleting substances (with limited exceptions for essential uses), and is phasing out the production of HCFCs and methyl bromide. EPA also has implemented other programs to protect the ozone layer, including refrigerant recycling, product labeling, banning nonessential uses of certain compounds, and reviewing substitutes to determine their acceptability.

Stratospheric Ozone Protection Awards

The Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award has been presented to 449 individuals and organizations from the following 35 countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. A separate list of past winners is available.

This year's award winners will be announced during the **2003 Earth Technologies Forum** in Washington, DC. Award recipients will be honored at a dinner ceremony, sponsored by the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, on either Tuesday, 22 April 2003 or Wednesday, 23 April 2003.

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Selection Criteria:

- Applicants must demonstrate one or more of the following criteria:
 - Originality and public purpose.
 - Persuasive moral and/or organizational leadership.
 - Actual elimination of chemical emissions.
- Nominations will be reviewed by past winners, who make recommendations to EPA. EPA makes the final selections of award winners.

Eligibility:

- Candidates may be from anywhere in the world.
- Individuals and organizations may work for the public or private sector.
- Candidates may be either self-nominated or nominated by a third party.
- If the nomination relates to a specific project, program or activity, it must have been in existence for at least 1 year.

Suggestions:

- Merely switching to approved substitutes is not considered “original”.
- Compliance with national or international regulations does not constitute “leadership”.
- Avoid submitting multiple applications for the same nominee.
- For further clarification contact EPA (see below for point of contact, address, phone, fax and email).

Instructions:

- All applications must include an official cover letter from the nominator and a completed nomination form (attached), including the half (1/2) page summary. The summary should describe the accomplishments of the nominee, and the specifics of the project, program or activity for which the nomination is made. The summary should also address the selection criteria listed above.
- Since the judges are unable to visit facilities, applicants are encouraged to submit supporting materials such as photographs, news clippings, and press releases.
- Neither the application nor the supporting materials will be returned.

Application materials must be received by October 11, 2002, to:

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NOMINATION FORM

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON OR ORGANIZATION NOMINATED TO RECEIVE THE AWARD:

Name of award nominee (individual or organization name): _____

Category (*check one*):

- ☐ Individual
☐ Association
☐ Corporate (including government and military)

Is the nomination for a specific project, program or activity (*check one*)?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes (*please complete the following three questions*)

Title of project or activity: _____

Approximate date project began: _____

Status of project (*check one*): ☐ Ongoing
☐ Completed

Contact Information for Nominee:

Name: _____

Organization / Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON MAKING THIS NOMINATION:

Your Name: _____

Organization / Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

REFERENCES: ***Please identify two independent experts who can verify the accomplishment(s) of the person or organization being nominated for the 2003 U.S. EPA Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award.***

Name: _____

Organization / Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Organization / Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

SUMMARY: Please use the space below or attach a half (1/2) page summary of the nominee's accomplishments.

Signature of Nominator

Date

(A signature is not necessary if form is sent electronically from the nominator's email account.)

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